



Irvine Elementary

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Our Mission Statement at Irvine Elementary is, "Working together to create a safe and nurturing environment that challenges and motivates our students and promotes a lifelong joy of learning."

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

October	3,10,17,24,31	Beyond the Bell – Science Nuts 2:45-3:45 in the gym
	7	Artstarts performance – Green Thumb Theatre – New Canadian Kid; 9:00am in the gym
	7,28	Beyond the Bell – Let's Dance 2:45-3:45 in the gym
	8,15,22,29	Beyond the Bell – Indoor Soccer 2:45-3:45 in the gym
	11	Running Terry's Money Home – District Terry Fox Run
	11,18	Music Adventure – Piano 2:55-3:55 Room #113 (Tech Room)
	14	Thanksgiving
	16	PAC Meeting 6:30-8:00pm in the library
	18	Student Individual Photos
	21	Federal Election
	25	Professional Development Day (provincial)

Principal's Message

Each week, we highlight a particular value that is the focus for the school as a while. This week has been all about, "Taking Care of this Place." Students have heard through our daily announcements (which are done by our grade five students) about the importance of safety (e.g. no running in the hallways) as well as looking after the inside and outside of the school (e.g. putting things away when you're finished using them, focusing on making sure that litter goes in the appropriate garbage cans). These daily messages are intended to provide the little reminders to each of our students about how they can become better students and better citizens. I will send out the value of the week, each week, via twitter (see below about how to follow us). I will let you know that our value of the week, next week, will be, "Generosity."

District Terry Fox Run

Please keep the donations coming in! The classroom that brings in the most money will have three students randomly selected who will get to pie me in the face (at a future school assembly).

As of today, we have brought in about \$1350.00!! Well done! While I will not disclose how much each class has brought in, with a week to go the classrooms that have brought in the most are currently:

1. Mme. Strachan
2. Ms. Berner
3. Mme. Comartin
4. M. Stewart
5. Ms. Hynes

There are several other classes that are just below the top 5. Thank you all for your generosity! We will be accepting donations until the end of the day (3:00pm) next Thursday (Oct. 10).

On October 11th, a group of grade five students (about 15) will be taking part in our District Terry Fox Run, entitled, "Running Terry's Money Home." Students will be running from our school to Maple Creek Middle School (originally, we were going to run to the Terry Fox Foundation office on Shaughnessy Street, but this had to be changed as there is not enough space to house the students, staff, and parents of the 25 schools that will be taking part) and will be meeting up with two (or possibly three) other elementary schools along the way. All the money that is collected (from all the participating schools) will be pooled together and a cheque will be presented to Kristin Fox. Last year, there were 15 schools that took part and we raised close to \$40,000! There are at least 25 schools taking part this year, so we are looking for even bigger and better numbers. I'll be sure to report the grand total once it has been tabulated.

School Supplies

We want to thank you for your patience and support in switching the way our students receive their school supplies. Switching to bulk ordering allows for every student to have access to the same supplies as other students in their classroom as well as ensuring that only the supplies that will be needed are ordered. Teachers have spent time evaluating what is used in each of their classrooms and only ordering the supplies that they will use for the year. School supplies costs were calculated for each classroom based on what the teacher ordered. You should see a slight savings this year as we were able to get bulk pricing on several items. In future years, you should see an even lower cost as reusable school supplies, like scissors, rulers, and pencil sharpeners will not need to be reordered. At the end of this year, teachers will take inventory on what supplies they have left or ran out of during the year and order accordingly for next year.

The cost of the supplies is currently available on school cash online (you will get a notification this evening).

Staff Parking Lot

Parents, please remember that the staff parking lot should not be used to "drop off" students UNLESS you have an accessible parking permit. For those that have these displayed in their vehicles, you may use one of the two parking stalls at the front of the lot. Thank you.

PAC News

PAC meetings are held in the school library and begin at 6:30pm (usually on the third Wednesday of the month). Our PAC Meeting Schedule is as follows:

Wednesday, Oct. 16, 2019 6:30-8:00pm (library)

Wednesday, Nov. 20, 2019 6:30-8:00pm (library)

Wednesday, Jan. 15, 2020 6:30-8:00pm (library)

Wednesday, Feb. 19, 2020 6:30-8:00pm (library)

Wednesday, Apr. 15, 2020 6:30-8:00pm (library)

Wednesday, May 20, 2020 6:30-8:00pm (library)

Wednesday, June 17, 2020 7:00-10:00pm PAC Social - location TBD

District / Community News

Please feel free to check out the Publications and Community Listings and links on our district webpage at: <http://www.sd43.bc.ca/Pages/publications.aspx>